



## 2019 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament – Final Stage

Orange County National – Panther Lake & Crooked Cat Courses | Winter Garden, Florida | December 12-15, 2019

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### Quick Facts

**Golf Courses:** Orange County National – Panther Lake (Par 71 – 7,211 yards) & Crooked Cat (Par 72 – 7,449 yards)

**Course Designer:** David Harman (PL – 1997, CC – 1999)

**Purse:** \$480,000 (Winner: \$50,000)

### What's at Stake

- Medalist/Co-Medalists will receive fully exempt status for the 2020 Korn Ferry Tour season as well as \$50,000
- Finishers 2-10 (and ties) will receive exempt status through the second reshuffle period of the 2020 Korn Ferry Tour season (approximately 12 guaranteed starts)
- Finishers 11-40 (and ties) will receive exempt status through the first reshuffle period of the 2020 Korn Ferry Tour season (approximately eight guaranteed starts)

### Tournament History

The modern era of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament began in 2013, a year after the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament was completed for the final time. In 2013, the Qualifying Tournament began offering status solely to the Korn Ferry Tour, solidifying the Tour as the path to the PGA TOUR. In six years, the Qualifying Tournament has moved periodically from the west coast to the east, with this year's edition returning to Orange County National in Winter Garden, Florida. Previously, the Qualifying Tournament was held once before at Orange County National in 2016. Jim Renner claimed the title at Orange County National at 17-under. Other notables to finish top-45 and earn guaranteed starts that year include current PGA TOUR players Chesson Hadley, Vince Covello, Sepp Straka, Jim Knous, Xinjun Zhang, Ben Taylor and K.H. Lee. Additionally, Abraham Ancer, who will make his debut on the Presidents Cup International Team this week, finished T14.

### Past Medalists

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2018	Danny Walker	67-65-66-63 – 261	-27	1
2017	Lee McCoy	65-67-63-65 – 260	-28	2
2016	Jim Renner	68-69-69-63 – 269	-17	3
2015	Adam Svensson	64-65-65-72 – 266	-20	7
2014	Brad Fritsch*	72-64-65-65-70-66 – 402	-27	7
2013	Zack Fischer*	75-67-66-65-64-64 – 401	-31	2

\*108-hole event

### Players to Watch

- **Brandon Wu** – The former No. 5 ranked amateur in the world looks to secure guaranteed starts for the 2020 Korn Ferry Tour season. The 22-year-old earned a T17 at the Houston Open in his professional debut in October. Earlier this summer, Wu finished T35 as an amateur at the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach Golf Links.

- **Taylor Pendrith** – The 28-year-old earned two victories and six top-10s on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada last season. The Kent State University product last played a full season on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2017.
- **Mikel Martinson** – Martinson, a former caddie for Peter Malnati, Brice Garnett and Bobby Yates, will make his debut at the Final Stage of the Qualifying Tournament. He has competed in two Korn Ferry Tour events, both in 2015
- **Vince India** – India returns to Orange County National after just missing out on retaining his Korn Ferry Tour status by one stroke at last year's WinCo Foods Portland Open. He finished third at Orange County National at the 2016 Qualifying Tournament
- **Danny Walker** – Walker returns to the Qualifying Tournament a year after making waves as the 2018 medalist. Walker finished 27-under at Whirlwind Golf Club in Chandler, Arizona, edging Norman Xiong by one stroke

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- Players at 4-under or better finished in the top-40 the last time that the Qualifying Tournament was held at Orange County National (2016)
- Nine players who finished in the top-40 last year (earning guaranteed starts) went on to earn their PGA TOUR card in 2019. Scottie Scheffler, who went on to earn Korn Ferry Tour Player and Rookie of the Year honors, finished on the number (-18/T34)
- All players in the field have secured conditional status (at a minimum) on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2020 and can secure guaranteed starts by virtue of a top-40 finish